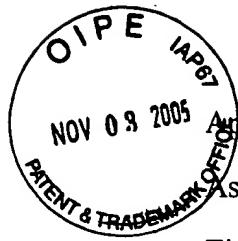


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks are submitted for entry into the present application along with the Request for Continued Prosecution under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 accompanying this paper. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

No amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.